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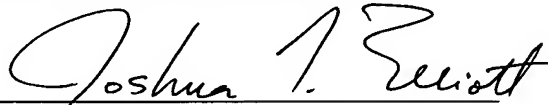
The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to place the claims in better form for examination. Entry of the amendment and favorable consideration are requested.

If any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to phone the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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